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Dayton, Ohio 45431

Campus Communication

date: February 14, 1978

to: Members of Academic Council

from: Jacob H. Dorn, Chairer, Steering Committee

subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, March 6, 1978

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, March 6, 1978, in the Cafeteria, Back Section, University Center.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 6, 1978 meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum Committee
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - C. Library Committee
 - D. Student Affairs Committee
 - E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Report of the Elections Committee for Restructuring Academic Council Constituencies (Report distributed at February 6, 1978 Academic Council Meeting).
 - B. Program in Computer Engineering (See Attachment D, Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, February 6, 1978).
- VII. New Business

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

March 6, 1978

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of March 6, 1978 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President Murray at 3:20 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the University Center.

Present:

L. Arlian, B. Barth, J. Beljan, H. Brown, E. Cantelupe,
J. Castellano, M. Cleary, G. Constable, J. Dorn, R. Earl,
K. Gillette, R. Glaser, E. Graham, G. Hess, A. Kader,
G. Kantor, R. Kegerreis, D. Matual, E. Nicholson,
K. Racevskis, G. Sideras, S. Stringer, V. Sutch,
B. Tea, H. Wachtell

Absent:

P. Batra, B. Bentsen, R. Dolphin, J. George, R. Iddings,
D. Nicholson, P. Nolan, C. Schmitz, R. Schumacher,
A. Spiegel, W. Stoesz

- II. The following corrections were read into the Minutes of the February 6, 1978 meeting.

Pertaining to Item III, Report of the Steering Committee. In the fourth paragraph and last sentence, the tense should be changed to readcourt case has been presented to the

Under Item VI, New Business, paragraph D. The second paragraph listed under this section should be entitled Liberal Arts Cooperative Education Courses.

Also under New Business, paragraph E, sub-item (2) should be changed to read cover a period of two to three days.

Incorporating these changes into the Minutes, the Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 1978 meeting. The Motion was seconded and approved. All were in favor.

- III. Report of the President: The President directed most of his comments to the "No Confidence" vote of Executive Vice President and Provost Spiegel. He has consulted with various factions of the faculty and groups representing the campus community. Some promising suggestions have emerged as a result. If these thoughts and ideas are properly considered and implemented, they can form the basis of improved communication between the Administration and Faculty. He further stressed to the members of the Academic Council that he is indeed taking this matter seriously, and does not wish to imply that he is in any way trying to delay resolution of the matter.

In the ensuing question and answer period, Mr. Sutch said he was distressed with the results of the Faculty Meeting. He also had two specific questions he wanted to discuss, those being (1) Why did no one offer any defense in behalf of Mr. Spiegel, and (2) How does this action affect the working of the Administration.

In answering Mr. Sutch's questions, the President said due to the lack of evidence presented this did not seem to be an arena for debate. A denial of these charges would have only created a succession of counter charges. There is not a procedure or "mechanism" on campus whereby administrators can defend themselves against such charges. In that vein the President urged Mr. Spiegel not to take any precipitous action at this time. Regarding the second question, Mr. Kegerreis asked how much of the vote against Executive Vice President and Provost Spiegel was actually a vote regarding the entire administration of the University. Wasn't this vote, in fact, a comment on the personal style of administration by Mr. Spiegel. There is no way that Mr. Kegerreis, as President of the University, can disassociate himself from the number two administrator of the University.

Mr. Sutch thanked the President for his analysis and agreed that a "mechanism" should be implemented whereby an administrator could defend himself against such charges as a "No Confidence" vote.

Ken Gillette asked when a decision on the vote would be forthcoming, and the President said in the 13 days since the vote, he has only been able to meet with 2 of the 9 Trustees. He also has numerous appointments scheduled with other individuals who wish to discuss this topic. At the latest the President hoped to announce a sequence of steps by the April meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Cantelupe commented on an article written by Mr. Walker which dealt with the difficulties surrounding a faculty meeting which took on a tone such as the one under discussion. A spontaneous response to these accusations would have been difficult to prepare in view of the developments.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. Jacob Dorn reporting. The Committee has been preoccupied in meetings on the budgetary review. In other business, the Faculty Affairs Committee has suggested that we participate in the Ohio Faculty Senate. The Steering Committee will ask the Faculty Affairs Committee for their recommended procedure for appointing faculty representatives to this body. In conversations with Mr. Tiernan it was learned that the Faculty Affairs Committee will defer to the Academic Council to elect the number of representatives to which we are entitled based on nominations from the floor. This will be an item of New Business at the April meeting for action in May. Both a vote on participation in the Ohio Faculty Senate and nomination of representatives will be conducted at that time.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum has submitted a recommendation for review of undergraduate programs. The Steering Committee decided at its last meeting to defer this to both the Standing Curriculum Committee and the Conference of Deans for their reactions before placing it on the Agenda as New Business for the April meeting.

The Steering Committee has received communication with respect to review of Administrators, one from an individual faculty member and another from the College of Liberal Arts. As the Faculty Affairs Committee has been involved in this review, both items have been referred to their attention.

Items of new business will be presented by the Steering Committee, and requests in advance a Suspension of the Rules so that action can be taken immediately. These items concern committee appointments as follows:

Recommended appointment of Julia George (Nursing) as an Alternate Member of the Undergraduate Petitions Committee.

Appointment of Charles Berry (History) to replace Peter Bocker (English) on the Library Committee for the Spring Quarter only.

Appointment of New Members to the Tenure Removal Committee
George Dimopoulos and Tsing Yuan as primary members replacing Edward Cox and Bryan Gregor, whose terms have expired. As secondary members, Elizabeth Harden and Alyce Jenkins replacing Lilburn Hoehn and Donald Swanson whose terms have expired.

V. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Robert Earl reporting. The Committee is presently engaged in discussions concerning the Nursing School course drop proposal, and a proposal which has been submitted by the Student Caucus which is related to this issue. Hearings have been held which indicate interest in changing the situation as it presently stands, but an equal amount of protest indicates leaving it as it is. Some tentative agreements have been reached through a voting procedure which would arrange for a "W" being placed on the transcript when a course is dropped. Further discussions will be held for developing a set of pros and cons for recommendation to the Academic Council for their action.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: No report
- C. Library Committee: Mary Lou White reporting. A letter has been forwarded to each member of the faculty. Feedback is being sought on the Approval Plan as outlined. On another topic she said a speaker has been secured, and the initial Friends of the Library meeting will be set for mid October.
- D. Student Affairs Committee: No report
- E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee: No report

VI. Old Business:

Report of the Elections Committee for Restructuring Academic Council Constituencies. There was no discussion on this topic and in taking a voice vote, the Motion was seconded and approved for restructuring as outlined.

Program in Computer Engineering. A motion was presented to approve this program which was seconded. All were in favor and the program will be adopted.

VII. New Business:

As mentioned earlier in the Minutes, a Suspension of the Rules is requested prior to discussion of this topic. All were in favor of the Suspension.

This topic concerns committee member appointments as follows:

Recommended appointment of Julia George to Undergraduate Petitions Committee. All were in favor.

Recommended appointment of Charles Berry to the Library Committee for the Spring Quarter (replacing Peter Bocker). All were in favor.

Appointment of George Dimopoulos and Tsing Yuan as primary members and Elizabeth Harden and Alyce Jenkins as secondary members to the Tenure Removal Committee. (In clarifying the difference between primary and secondary, it was stated that primary may be challenged, and secondary would take over.)

All were in favor of the above new member appointments.

VII. The Motion was presented and seconded at 4:00 for Adjournment. All were in favor.